Statement re: Chitties in the State.

138 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL. (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number of chitties registered under the Travancore Chitties Act;

(*b*) the number of such chitties still running ; and

(*c*) the total capital of such chitties?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : (*a*) 15,903.

(*b*) 1,449.

(*c*) Rs. 28·43 lakhs.

(The above figures relate to the last day of 1115)

Ayurvedic Examinations.

139. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a committee consisting of six members was constituted in 1115 for preparing a detailed curriculam for the various Ayurvedic examinations to suit modern requirements ; and

(*b*) whether that committee was subsequently entrusted with the work of preparing a similar curriculam for the Siddha system and or considering the question ?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) That Committee, with two more co-opted members well-versed in Siddha system of treatment, was entrusted with the work mentioned.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the name of the Co-opted Members ?

MR. P.S.KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR :(1) Nityanandaswami, President of the All-Travancore Sidha Vaidya Sanghom, Munchira, Vilavancode.

(2) Dr. R. Arumughom L. I. M. (Siddha), Peoples' Dispensary, Karamana, Trivandrum.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the Committee has submitted its report ?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR : No.

Bad methods in fishing.

140. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the following methods and implements in fishing are disastrous to the development and multiplication of fish in inland waters :

(*a*) luring or attracting fish with brilliant lights ;

(*b*) draining through sluices ;

(*c*) using *madavala* while draining punja fields both inside and outside Verali Vali :

(*d*) prawns fishing with junghar dragging iron chain ;

(*e*) use of nets above 40 rows of knots per cubit ;

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